

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yuji ITOH et al.

Application No.: New U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP2004/016993

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Docket No.: 127958

For: GRINDING METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**